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# Celebrating the 30<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the ADA

## **Statement of Common Council President Cavalier Johnson** July 24, 2020

Today, I was honored to be a guest speaker and participant in the Milwaukee Equal Rights Commission's celebration of the 30<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA). I was pleased to speak alongside Milwaukee County Executive David Crowley and State Representative Jonathan Brostoff. As local officials, it is important that we celebrate and spread awareness of the inclusivity the ADA creates and its importance to our community.

The passing of the ADA on July 26, 1990 was a necessary step in ensuring people with disabilities are protected under the law to have the same rights and opportunities as all Americans. The ADA has become an accepted and normal factor in nearly every facet of American life, and I believe it has made our collective systems better for all.

Together, we can continue to make conscious efforts in building an accessible community and embracing the principles of equality and inclusion for persons with disabilities that the ADA embodies.

I would like to thank the Milwaukee Equal Rights Commission for organizing the event and the other participants for sharing how they plan to continue their advocacy in advancing disability rights.

